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IN DIGITAL IMAGE FILES WITH
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METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL-
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to any action on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

- **Request for Extension of Time and/or Charge of Fees** begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND/OR CHARGE OF FEES

It is not believed that extensions of time or additional fees are required beyond those which are provided in this filing. However, should no check be attached or should additional extensions of time or fees be necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261. In the event of such charges, please advise us accordingly.